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RE BONN'S TELEGRAM 2024 TO DEPT, INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT FONOFF CABLE FROM WHICH VON BAUDISSIN READ EXCERPTS. TO US GAVE SOMEWHAT MORE LIBERAL IMPRESSION OF AGREEMENT REACHED BY ADENAUER AND MACMILLIAN. PORTIONS HE READ DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY REF TO FIVE YEAR PERIOD MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO AS CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR SUMMIT. ALSO MENTIONED AGREEMENT THAT WESTERN POSITION AT CONFERENCE WITH SOVIETS SHOULD INCLUDE INITIAL PACKAGE INTENDED HAVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC APPEAL, BUT ALSO COMPREHEND FALL-BACK POSITION FOR PURPOSES OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. WEST MUST BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR AS TO BREAKOFF POINT BEYOND WHICH IT UNWILLING TO GO, AND BE PREPARED TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES SUCH AS MOBILIZATION IF CONFERENCE (PRESUMABLY SUMMIT) FINALLY FAILS.

CHANCELLOR AND PRIME MINISTER ALSO AGREED, ACCORDING TO VON BAUDISSIN REPORT, THAT FOUR FONMINS SHOULD MEET WASH APRIL 1 AND THEN AGAIN APRIL 29, PRESUMABLY JUST PRIOR TO CONFERENCE WITH SOVIETS AT FONMINS LEVEL.

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CACCIA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY OR OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER TODAY ON BASIS OF URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONOFF TO PRESENT BRIT ACCOUNT OF MEETING WITH ADENAUER AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AGREEMENT REACHED ON SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HANCOCK READ US COPY HE HAD RECEIVED OF INSTRUCTIONS SENT CACCIA. THERE WAS NO RPT NO MENTION OF FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

LACKING FROM BRIT MESSAGE WAS STATEMENT IN VON BAUDISSION'S REPORT THAT BRIT AND GERMANS HAD AGREED TO ADMIT CZECHS AND POLES AS OBSERVERS FEELING THAT THIS WOULD BE BEST WAY TO KEEP ITALIANS OUT OF CONFERENCE. GERMAN REPORT DID NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE POINT, WHICH CACCIA APPARENTLY INSTRUCTED TO MAKE, THAT US AGENDA FORMULA SATISFACTORY FOR FONMINS CONFERENCE IF BRITISH FORMULA ON SUMMIT ACCEPTED.

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